

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION II
290 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007-1866**

Comment Period Open Until: 30 DAYS FROM DATE OF NOTICE

Action: Complaint, Findings of Violation, Notice of Proposed Assessment of a Civil Penalty, and Notice of Opportunity to Request a Hearing

EPA is authorized under Section 311(b) (6) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §1321(b) (6), to assess a civil penalty after providing the person subject to the penalty notice of the proposed penalty and the opportunity for a hearing, and after providing interested persons public notice of the proposed penalty and a reasonable opportunity to comment on its issuance. Under Section 311(b)(6) of the Clean Water Act, any owner, operator, or person in charge of a vessel, onshore facility, or offshore facility who fails or refuses to comply with any regulation that has been issued under Section 311 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §1321(j) may be administratively assessed a civil penalty of up to \$157,500 by EPA. Class II proceedings under Section 311(b) (6) of the Clean Water Act are conducted in accordance with the "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties or Corrective Action Orders, and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits" (Consolidated Rules) found in 64 Federal Register 40176 et seq., (July 23, 1999).

The procedures by which the public may submit written comments on a proposed Class II penalty order or participate in a Class II penalty proceeding are set forth in the Consolidated Rules. The deadline for submitting public comment on a proposed Class II order is thirty days after issuance of public notice.

Pursuant to Section 311(b) (6) (C) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b) (6) (C), EPA is providing public notice of the following proposed Class II administrative penalty assessment: Name and Address of Respondent: CONOCOPHILLIPS, PO BOX 2197, 600 NORTH DAIRY ASHFORD, HOUSTON, TX 77252-2197. Location of Alleged Violations: CONOCOPHILLIPS, 1400 PARK AVENUE, LINDEN, NEW JERSEY. Nature of Alleged Violations: UNAUTHORIZED DISCHARGE OF APPROXIMATELY 3,000 GALLONS OF OIL AS DEFINED IN SECTION 311(A)(1) OF THE ACT, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(A)(1), AND 40 CFR § 110.1, FROM ITS FACILITY INTO OR UPON MORSES CREEK, ARTHUR KILL AND THEIR ADJOINING SHORELINES. Proposed Penalty: \$156,000. Name of Case: IN THE MATTER OF CONOCOPHILLIPS, PO BOX 2197, 600 NORTH DAIRY ASHFORD HOUSTON, TX 77252-2197. Docket Number: CWA-02-2007-3810. Date Filed with Regional Hearing Clerk: SEPTEMBER 28, 2007. Name, Mailing Address, and Telephone Number of Regional Hearing Clerk:

**KAREN MAPLES
REGIONAL HEARING CLERK
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Persons wishing to receive a copy of the Consolidated

Rules, review the Complaint or other documents filed by the parties in this proceeding, comment upon the proposed penalty assessment, or participate in any hearing that may be held, should contact the Regional Hearing Clerk identified above. The public record for the proceeding is located in the EPA Regional Office at the above address, and the file will be open for public inspection during normal business hours. It is recommended that you telephone before visiting the EPA Region II office.